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Letter dated 5 November 2009 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

During the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly held from 23 to 29 September 2009, Tuvalu, Gambia and a very few other countries raised the so-called issue of "Taiwan's participation in the United Nations specialized agencies" in their statements. I am instructed to state the following positions of the Chinese Government on this issue:

1. By advocating the so-called "two Chinas" and "one China, one Taiwan" at the United Nations podium, Tuvalu, Gambia and a few other countries have violated the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, infringed on China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and interfered in China's internal affairs. Their action, which runs counter to the efforts of the Chinese people across the Taiwan Strait to sustain the good momentum for peaceful development of cross-Strait relations, is firmly opposed by the Chinese Government and people.

2. There is only one China in the world, and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China. The mainland and Taiwan are not yet reunited, but the fact that the two sides belong to one and the same China remains unchanged, and will never change. The Chinese Government is committed to maintaining the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations and promoting the welfare of people across the Taiwan Strait. However, our firm position of adhering to the one China principle and opposing "two Chinas", "one China, one Taiwan" and "Taiwan independence" will never change.

3. General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) adopted in 1971 has resolved the issue of China's representation in the United Nations once and for all, politically, legally and in terms of procedures. The United Nations specialized agencies have also resolved the issue of China's representation in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI). The United Nations and its specialized agencies are intergovernmental organizations composed only of sovereign States. All the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change are either United Nations Member States or regional economic integration organizations composed of sovereign States. Tuvalu, Gambia and a few other countries, in disregard of the fact that Taiwan is part of China,

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trumpeted the so-called Taiwan's "participation" in the International Civil Aviation Organization and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. This is unacceptable. We strongly oppose any attempts aimed at creating "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan", and undermining the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations.

4. People across the Taiwan Strait share the same blood and destiny. The Chinese Government places great emphasis on the well-being of the 23 million Taiwan compatriots and is always committed to safeguarding the Taiwan compatriots' legitimate rights and interests across the world. We understand the feeling of our Taiwan compatriots about participating in the activities of international organizations, and attach great importance to solving this issue. Taiwan compatriots' participation in the activities of international organizations is an internal affair of the Chinese people, and can be arranged in a fair and reasonable manner through pragmatic cross-Strait consultation on the premise of not creating "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan".

5. The Chinese Government hopes that the countries concerned will do more to contribute to the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations, and refrain from acts that harm the interests of China and hurt the feelings of the Chinese people. We are convinced that the Chinese Government and people will continue to have the understanding and support of the United Nations and its Member States in its effort to safeguard sovereignty and territorial integrity, promote the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations and achieve the great cause of peaceful reunification.

I have the honour to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 117.

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